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Now is the time for fly-tag work

By JAMES A. SMITH
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It's time to get fly tags attached to cattle -- adult cattle should get one in each ear, while younger cattle need only one. Some producers have found the calf is protected adequately by the mother.

There may be some value in feeding a low level of phenothiazine to cattle. This could reduce the internal parasite load. Cattle would need to get 2 grams per head per day. First, determine how much mineral is being consumed per day. Assume that the cattle are eating one ounce per head per day, the level of phenothiazine needed will be 8 to 10 percent of the mineral mixture.

This is the time of year when many households are purchasing gasoline for lawn and garden equipment. The law is pretty specific, gasoline must be kept in an approved container. A plastic milk jug or glass jar is not an approved container. When you go to the service station and ask to have such a container filled, you are asking the service station personnel to break the law. Why not play it safe, safety is really what it is all about, and purchase an aproved container -- it will last for many years.

Every year thousands stop by the National Arboretum in Washington. If you haven't made the visit, put it on your vacation list for this summer.

A new addition will be in place sometime during June -- the National Country Garden.

On entering you'll find yourself on a landscaped garden path that will take you along to view many examples of unique gardening ideas, such as an innovative, soilless verticle container gardening system, floral wall and floating gardens, a garden of exotic vegetables and edible ornaments.

You'll see gardens for townhouses or patio gardening, verticle gardening, balcony and clothesline gardening. There will be demonstrations and ideas that you can put to use.

The last week of feeder cattle sales this spring were off a little, but steers and heifers still average $3.00 to $5.00 above last fall.

Several weeks ago Jerry Jones, Extension Dairyman, was down for the Appomattox Dairymen's Association meeting. One of the things he suggested is dipping teats before milking in place of washing teats. The idea is to strip out 3-4 squirts of milk from each quarter into a strip cup, dip teats in teat dip unless they are real dirty, and dry them with a paper towel. There is no research to show the effectiveness of pre-dipping, but Cornell studies show pre-dipping just as effective as washing with sanitizer. However, washing teats with a wet paper towel and drying with a second paper towel was more effective. With pre-dipping, teats must be dried with a paper towel to minimize bateria counts and sediment counts as well as milk/iodine level.

Now's a good time to get ready to creep graze calves just as soon as this tender forage begins to toughen up. It takes a little effort, but pays big dividends.

Big bales now being made need to be placed off the soil if spoilage is to be reduced.

A good goal for dairy and beef is to have a bangs certified and tuberculosis accredited herd. Talk with your vet about getting this done.

An animal/human drug alert was issued this week. Chloramphenicol (chloromycetin) also known by more than seventy other trade names is an antibiotic knkow to be effective against a wide variety of bacilli and viruses.

There are reports that over the past few years it has become one of the most used antibiotics in treating food animals, despite the fact that it is not registered for this plurpose.

This product appears to have a unique toxicity to humans:

--2 cases of death following contact with chloramphenicol

--induced aplastic anemia in humans which later terminated in leukemia

--estimates that one in 30,000 people are susceptible to fatal aplastic anemia following exposure to chloramphenicol.

The product is not labeled for animals used in meat, egg or milk production. Check your supplies to be sure it is not used by error.

Coleman named winner

Lisa R. Coleman, a member of the Appomattox Senior Future Farmers of America chapter, has been named area winner of the FFA award for swine production. Lisa, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Coleman, Route 1, Spout Spring.

The proficiency award in swine production is a special project of the National FFA Foundation sponsored by Pfizer.

The farming operation includes a swine herd of sows and feeder pigs. Lisa has had entries in many hog shows including the Virginia State Fair Junior Swine Show. She has won numerous ribbons, money, and two trophies.

Coleman's accomplishments will be judged along with those of four other area winners for the state award. The state award will be a program feature of the 1984 State FFA Convention in Blacksburg, June 12-15.

Traditionally, May is Fine Arts Month at the Appomattox Primary School. In the above picture, newly installed PTA officers are flanked by the students' art display. From left to right, 1984-85 PTA officers are: Mrs. Cindy May, Historian; Mrs. Charlene Lawson, Reporter; Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, Treasurer; Mrs. Connie Godsey, Secretary; Mrs. Barbara Moore, Vice-President; and Mrs. Sara Cuccio, President. Mr. Lloyd Walton, Superintendent of schools, was the installing officer. Refreshments were served to honor the students participating in the art show. Since every child had an entry, the APS halls are a beautiful Art Museum. Come and see for yourself!

ASCS Today

By TOM CONRAD

ASCS advises farmers to protect crop acreage base - All farmers are urged to file an acreage report, whether they participate in farm programs or not.

Farmers who did not sign up for the programs could benefit by certifying their planted acres because the reported 1984 acreage will be used in establishing 1985 base acres.

The acreage reports are used to determine compliance with farm programs and to document the crop acreage for establishing future crop acreage bases.

To be eligible for price support loans, target prices and other program benefits, farm program participants are required to report the actual planted acreage on a field-by-field basis. As of today 108 farms in the county have reported their fall-seeded crops and 44 have reported spring-seeded crops.

ASCS verifies that acreage reports are accurate by randomly checking farms and by providing aerial photographs for farmers to identify their fields. Farmers may request pre-meassurement and other producer services to be sure reports are accurate and avoid unnecessary worry over the loss of program benefits. The service is provided for a nominal fee and the measurements are guaranteed for the crop year.

Appomattox County farmers have from now until June 1 to report wheat, barley, oats and rye, and now through July 1 to report corn, grain-sorghum, soybeans and tobacco. Acreage reports may be filed weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the county ASCS office.

Final acreage reduction report shows 57 million acres wheat signed up - The seven million acres of additional wheat base acreage signed up during the special enrollment period April 16 - May 4 brings to 57 million the number of acres entered in the 1984 wheat acreage reduction program, according to figures released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The initial acreage reduction program sign-up period of Jan. 16 through March 16 was re-opened in the Agricultural Programs Adjustment Act of 1984, signed by president Reagan April 10.

Data released today by USDA also show final sign-up figures for the 1984 acreage reduction programs for feed grains, rice, upland cotton and extra long staple cotton. For all these commodities, including wheat, farmers signed contracts to place 131.4 million acres of their total base acreage in the 1984 acreage reduction programs.

The acreage base to be taken out of production is 30.4 million acres. This land must be devoted to approved conservation reserve.

The signed-up base acreage represents 55.9 percent of the 235.1 million acres of feed grains, 3.6 million acres of rice, 11.1 million acres of upland cotton and 34,361 acres of extra long staple cotton.

Participating producers will be eligible fo program benefits such as Commodity Credit Corporation loans and purchases and target price protection. Wheat growers also will receive payment in kind for their PIK acreage and cash payments for land diversion.

Farmers who signed up to participate in the acreage reduction programs agreed to reduce their base acreage plantings by at least 10 percent for corn, sorghum oats,, and barley.

Wheat growers agreed to reduce base acreage plantings by 30 percent (20 percent acreage reductions combined with a 10 percent cash land diversion) and had the option of reducing plantings by an additional 10 to 20 percent under a PIK provision.

Fleshman qualifies

W. Rayford Fleshman of Appomattox qualified for participation in Pilot Life Insurance Company's 1984 convention held recently at the Philadelphia Centre Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa.

Fleshman is area representative for Pilot Life's home service division.

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Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK H. SWEET
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The Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District's Conservation Olympics was held last Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Teams met at the Soil Conservation Service office in Appomattox. Included in the Conservation Olympics was soils evaluation, identification of trees, estimation of board foot volume of trees, evaluation of a watershed, identification of plants and identification of wildlife tracks. The Conservation Olympic program was the first effort at such a combined conservation program for young people.

4-H Camp applications are beginning to pour in. Members have until June 1 to submit applications for the 1984 camp week. A detailed list of camp classes and a 4-H Camp Health form will be mailed to those attending in late May. Applications are available at the Extension Office and may be turned in during regular meetings or at the Extension Office.

The East Central District 4-H Forestry Judging Contest was held Saturday at Staunton River State Park in Halifax County. Participants from Appomattox included Curtis Moore, Kenneth McClenny, Lisa Harrison, Nancy Cole, Darrell Conner, Brent Harrison, Matt Servis and Joe Servis. The 4-H Forestry program includes tree identification, volume estimation, use of a compass and pacing and making management decisions. The Appomattox Senior Team placed third in District competition and the Intermediate Team placed first. Senior members will have the chance to compete at the state level in June.

4-H sewing classes will be taught in Appomattox, Red House and Stonewall during the summer. Special sign up sheets are being distributed to 4-H'ers this month. Classes in Appomattox will be taught the weeks of June 11 - 15 and June 18 - 22. Classes in Red House will be offered the week of July 16 - 20 and in Stonewall the week of July 23 - 27. All young people interested in learning to sew are encouraged to participate. Sign up applications are available at the Extension Office.

State 4-H Congress for senior 4-H'ers will be held on the Virginia Tech campus the week of June 18-22. Approximately 25 Appomattox 4-H'ers have won the right to participate in this year's 4-H Congress.

Completed 4-H projects may be turned in this spring as well as in the fall. Projects should be as complete as possible as each will be evaluated next October. 4-H'ers wishing to obtain new 4-H projects for use during the summer should plan to turn in completed projects. A complete listing of all 4-H projects is available at the Extension Office.

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